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Pharmacy Hall Addition Welcomes Students Grand Opening Events Planned for October

STEVE BERBERICH

After 15 years of advocacy from supporters and 22 months of construction, the School of Pharmacy opened the doors of Pharmacy Hall Addition on Aug. 23 for the start of the fall semester.

“We were so pleased to welcome our students into the building,” says Natalie D. Eddington, PhD, dean of the School. “While there is still some work continuing in the building in order to make it absolutely perfect, the first day of class was a wonderful way to welcome everyone home.”

The new building is a substantial addition to the nearly 30-year-old Pharmacy Hall. Faculty and staff are moving into the building in phases during the fall semester.

The School will celebrate the opening with a series of events in October. A reception for the School’s leadership donors Oct. 4 will include the unveiling of named spaces in the building. A grand opening ceremony will be held Oct. 5 at 10:30 a.m. for city, state, and national officials, community leaders, pharmacy association representatives, members of the

School of Pharmacy’s Board of Visitors, and University leaders, alumni, faculty, staff, and students. The ceremony will be followed by tours and a reception in the building’s three-story atrium.

At 1:30 that afternoon, Joshua Sharfstein, MD, principal deputy commissioner at the Food and Drug Administration and a former Baltimore health commissioner, will present the annual Francis S. Balasone Memorial Lecture (see Calendar on page 12). From 3:30 to 5 p.m., the School will hold an open house for the campus community.

An alumni reunion and brunch will take place Oct. 17.

Pharmacy Hall Addition is seven stories tall and has 126,000 square feet of space. It includes lecture halls equipped for distance learning, experiential learning facilities, and a dispensing laboratory with state-of-the-art robotics.

Four floors are dedicated to bench-side research. “Our new science facilities provide a unique setting for multidisciplinary, collaborative research that will help keep our



A light-filled, three-story atrium is one of many features of Pharmacy Hall Addition.

STEVE BERBERICH

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Governor Celebrates BioPark’s Success, Announces BIC Expansion



Governor Martin O'Malley speaks at the University of Maryland BioPark.

TIM FLACH

JEFFREY RAYMOND

Governor and School of Law alumnus Martin O'Malley, JD '88, while in Baltimore during the summer for his Capital for a Day promotion, announced that the BioInnovation Center (BIC) at the University of Maryland BioPark will double in size in response to expansions and new leases in the wet-lab facility.

Gliknik, Inc., the first company to locate in the BIC in 2008 and a spinoff of the University of Mary-

land, will more than double its initial space with the addition of a fourth lab module. Fyodor Biotechnologies, Inc., a Johns Hopkins University spinoff that located in the BioPark at the beginning of the year, is now adding a second lab module. Washington, D.C.-based InstantLabs Medical Diagnostic Corp. and Rockville-based Amplimmune signed leases for lab or office space in the BIC during the past few months.

The expansion will double the square footage of the lab-and-office

facility—a component of the six-story, 238,000-square-foot BioPark building at 801 W. Baltimore St.—to 18,000 square feet. Wexford Science and Technology, the building’s Baltimore-based developer, created the BIC specifically for early-stage companies that need wet-lab space within a vibrant life-science cluster.

O'Malley’s Capital for a Day event brings his Cabinet members into different towns and cities in Maryland.

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Presidential Inauguration and Founders Week Events

TUESDAY, NOV. 9	Inauguration of University President Jay A. Perman, MD / Hippodrome Theatre Founders Week Gala Celebrating the Inauguration of Jay A. Perman, MD / Hilton Baltimore
WEDNESDAY, NOV. 10	Research Lecturer of the Year Presentation and Reception / Davidge Hall
THURSDAY, NOV. 11	Student Cookout / Nursing School Lawn and SMC Campus Center Entrepreneur of the Year Presentation and Reception / BioPark Building Two
FRIDAY, NOV. 12	Staff Lunch / Westminster Hall

For more information, visit <http://founders.umaryland.edu>.

Sweet Return



LAURA KOZAK

New University President Jay A. Perman (top, third from right) pauses for a photo with some of the many students who attended his Welcome Back ice cream social at the Southern Management Corporation Campus Center on Aug. 26. For more pictures of the event, visit www.umbvoice.com and click on Photo Galleries.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT.....



Jay A. Perman

As a father of four, I am well acquainted with the excitement of a new academic year. It is with this same childlike enthusiasm that I greet the new school year here at the University of Maryland, my first as the University president. We have much to be excited about. But first let me greet those in our midst.

To our new students, welcome to one of the world’s great universities. You may not know that our roots date back to 1807, when a group of physicians led by John Beale Davidge received legislative approval to create the College of Medicine of Maryland, the founding campus of the University System of Maryland.

To our new faculty and staff, we are very excited to have you join our ranks. Your predecessors, like mine, have set the bar high. But I am confident that you and your colleagues can help us take an exceptional University to the next level.

To our returning students, welcome back! Like the new students, you are on a wonderful academic adventure that will change your life. And in turn, with the training you receive from our previously mentioned illustrious faculty and staff, you will be prepared to change the lives of others for the better.

All of you might have noticed some physical changes around the campus since the

spring semester ended. Pharmacy Hall Addition opened as scheduled Aug. 23 and offers School of Pharmacy students, staff, and faculty state-of-the-art space that sets the standard for pharmacy education and research.

Several blocks away at the University of Maryland BioPark, the new state Forensic Medical Center opens Sept. 21, providing many new opportunities for our students. In a stadium-style seating area, they will be able to observe the work of Chief Medical Examiner David Fowler, MB, ChB, a member of our School of Medicine faculty, and his staff. Classes also will be held there.

Behind the scenes, there are some wonderful new programs being considered at our Baltimore campus, our Shady Grove campus in Rockville, and our facilities throughout the state and the world. In addition, in the months ahead, we are looking forward to rolling out a new branding campaign to promote the University. And we will start soliciting your input as we develop a new strategic plan for the University. Founders Week has been pushed back to November to make it bigger and better than ever.

Yes, this is an exciting time to be on our campus.

You may have heard that I want to be an accessible president who insists on civility and being nice to one another. I’m guilty on both counts. So, like it or not, you will be seeing a lot of me around campus. Town Hall meetings are in the planning stages at rotating locations each month, and I hope to offer you an anonymous forum for questions as well. I also plan to put on my white coat and treat patients

alongside students and faculty from all the schools one afternoon per month at my President’s Clinic. You will hear more on that in the weeks ahead.

In early newspaper stories that coincided with my arrival in July, much was made of the importance I attach to “nice.” I expect civility—of myself and in turn each of you. Over time, I will share with you extensive data that demonstrate the significant consequences of incivility to those we serve and its real costs to an organization such as ours. Difficult finances, as well as times of change, often challenge our patience. However, it is precisely times like these that require civility. Being nice and civil is one of my fundamental expectations.

I look forward to us accomplishing a great deal together. I know that by working together, we all can make a real difference and truly enjoy being a part of this great University.

So, welcome to the new school year. Get ready to get to work. We have a lot to get done.

Jay A. Perman

JAY A. PERMAN, MD
PRESIDENT

To see a video welcome message from the president, visit <http://vimeo.com/14430800> or www.umbvoice.com.

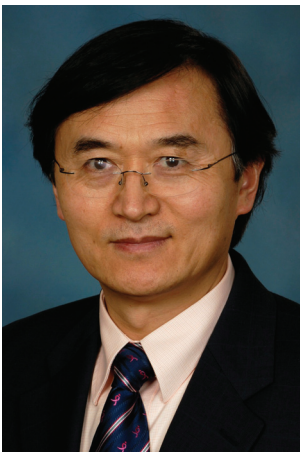
2010 Founders Week Award Winners Announced

CHRIS ZANG

President Jay A. Perman, MD, has announced the Founders Week award winners for 2010. The winners will be recognized at the Founders Week Gala on Tuesday, Nov. 9, at the Hilton Baltimore.

Entrepreneur of the Year
Cedric Yu, ScD
Clinical Professor, School of Medicine
Carl M. Mansfield, MD, Professor in Radiation Oncology

Yu’s work has improved the efficiency of radiation cancer treatments throughout the world. In 2006, he patented a dedicated breast radiation therapy method, now called the Gamma-Pod System, which was developed with the help of Small Business Innovation Research grants from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) totaling \$3.5 million. He founded Xcision Medical Systems, LLC,



Cedric Yu

to pursue the development of the high-precision, noninvasive system of treating early-stage breast cancer. Yu will deliver a presentation on his novel technology during Founders Week on Thursday, Nov. 11.

Public Servant of the Year
Yvette Rooks, MD
Assistant Professor, School of Medicine
Vice Chairwoman and Residency Program Director, Department of Family and Community Medicine

Since joining the University faculty more than 12 years ago, Rooks has been recognized as a gifted physician and a tireless public servant. Her commitment to medicine and public health go beyond the University’s walls into disadvantaged communities—she spends countless hours volunteering at schools and community centers to educate both young and old about the importance of nutrition and exercise. Rooks is also the head primary care team physician

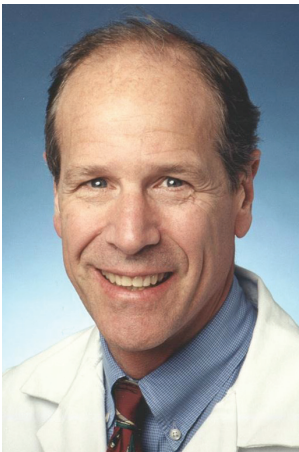


Yvette Rooks

at the University of Maryland, College Park (UMCP).

Research Lecturer of the Year
Bartley Griffith, MD
Professor, School of Medicine
Chief, Division of Cardiac Surgery

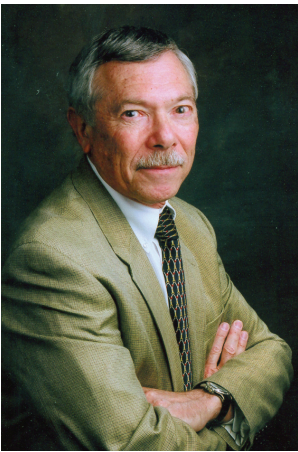
Griffith has worked with bioengineers at UMCP to develop an NIH-funded artificial lung research program. At the School of Medicine in Baltimore, he works with colleagues in physiology, molecular biology, and cardiology to better understand the molecular consequences of myocardial strain. His work on the artificial lung may be responsible for the first human use of an ambulatory, at-home device for artificial respiration, and his work on pediatric heart pumps has significant implications for underserved children. Current research also involves heart repair using stem cells. Griffith will deliver his Founders Week lecture on Wednesday, Nov. 10.



Bartley Griffith

Teacher of the Year
David Roffman, PharmD ’73
Professor, School of Pharmacy

For more than 30 years, Roffman has amassed an outstanding teaching reputation. A School of Pharmacy alumnus and the first clinical pharmacist trained in Maryland (1970-73), he challenges students—answering their questions with questions—and they admire him for it. In addition to the School of Pharmacy, Roffman has taught in the School of Medicine cardiology module for 20-plus years and in the School of Nursing for 10. While his specific area of expertise is cardiovascular pharmacotherapy, he teaches a wide array of areas related to acute and ambulatory care.



David Roffman

Fundraising Yields More Than \$75 Million; Perman Embraces Capital Campaign Goal

JEFFREY RAYMOND

During a year in which the economy continued its struggle to recover from a crippling recession and a near financial



T. Sue Gladhill

meltdown, the University succeeded in pushing the total raised during its ambitious multiyear capital campaign past the \$400 million mark.

The University raised \$75.7 million in Fiscal Year 2010, which ended June 30. The final goal of the capital campaign, called Making an Impact Worldwide, is \$650 million.

T. Sue Gladhill, MSW, vice president for external affairs as well as president and chief executive officer of the University of Maryland Baltimore Foundation, Inc.—the University’s office for raising, administering, and investing funds—says expectations regarding fundraising efforts have increased even at state-supported institutions such as the University of Maryland, with capital campaigns at some institutions having billion-dollar goals.

Gladhill says Jay A. Perman, MD, the

University’s new president, has embraced the capital campaign and made clear his eagerness to support it.

“It’s all opportunity ahead,” she says.

Gladhill says the next level for fundraisers is securing “transformative gifts,” such as the multimillion-dollar commitment by the Southern Management Corporation to enhancing the Campus Center as it was being built last year. Such gifts can help the University in a variety of ways, including adding academic programs and recruiting students and faculty.

“They transform our ability to do things,” Gladhill says.

Ronald Hube contributed to this article.

School of Law Professor’s New Book Explores Regulatory Failures

JEFFREY RAYMOND

In her timely new book *The People’s Agents and the Battle to Protect the American Public*, Rena Steinzor, JD, a professor at the School of Law with a secondary appointment at the School of Medicine, and co-author Sidney Shapiro, JD, take a hard look at what they say is a tangled web of regulatory problems that has weakened the public’s protection from dangers such as bacteria-infested food, harmful drugs, toxic pollution, crumbling bridges, and unsafe toys.

The authors argue that regulatory failure stems from a host of overlooked causes such as unrelenting funding cuts, a breakdown of the legislative process, the replacement of experienced personnel with political appointees, chaotic White House oversight, and ceaseless attacks on bureaucracy.

Steinzor and Shapiro propose a host of reforms including a new model for measuring the success of regulatory agencies and a revitalization of public service.

During the course of her academic career, Steinzor has written extensively on efforts to reinvent environmental regulation in the United States, the use and misuse of science in environmental policymaking, and the devolution of federal authority to the states. Her book *Mother Earth and Uncle Sam: How Pollution and Hollow Government Hurt Our Kids* was published in 2007.

Steinzor is also the president of the Center for Progressive Reform, a think tank of scholars from universities across the United States who are interested in protecting health, safety, and the environment through analysis and commentary.



Rena Steinzor

University Website Redesigned

DANIELLE PETERSON

The University launched a redesign of its website during the summer, with major changes including easier navigation and enhanced use of social networking tools such as iTunes, YouTube, Facebook, and Twitter. The site, at www.umaryland.edu, also has a cleaner clutter-free look with more photos, and it makes greater use of the University colors red, black, and gold.

The website’s redesign, a months-long process performed by the University’s Center for Information Technology Services and the Office of External Affairs’ Web development staff, is based on feedback received during a campuswide survey of website users, as well as extensive research on Web trends and best practices for higher education websites.

“The University’s website, particularly the home page, is the world’s gateway to the University,” says Mark Thompson, MHSA, assistant vice president of communications

and marketing. “The redesign greatly enhances that gateway.”

Thompson encourages users of the website to provide feedback by visiting the redesign blog <http://umbredesign.wordpress.com>. “Web development is an ongoing process that involves constant change and updates,” he says. “We want each school and department, and every story that makes the campus unique, to be represented.”



The home page of the University’s website has a new look.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Tips From the University Police Force

CELL PHONE SAFETY

Here are some cell phone safety tips to make your day a little safer and your life a little easier as you start a new academic year.

- Avoid reading and sending text messages while walking on campus.

- When driving, try to place calls while your vehicle is stationary. Use a hands-free or speaker-phone accessory, available for most cell phones.

- Never read or write text messages while driving. Taking your eyes off the road for only a second or two can result in a collision. Pull over to the side of the road if you must text.

- Program frequently called numbers into your phone’s memory, allowing you to keep dialing to a minimum.

- While driving, do not make phone calls about emotional subjects such as quitting a job or breaking up with a boyfriend or girlfriend—your focus will be primarily on the call rather than your driving.

- Make sure your phone is within easy reach while driving.

- Be careful when pulling over a vehicle to place calls. To avoid being a crime victim, do not stop in dangerous areas. Keep your car doors locked.

- If your phone is connected to your car’s power source, disconnect the phone before using jumper cables. The power surge could damage your phone.

- Make sure 911 is programmed into your phone’s memory should you need to report an accident or other emergency.

- Only give your mobile phone number to people you know and can trust.

- Never reply to text messages from people you don’t know.

- Identify your home phone number in your contact list as something other than “home”—this will help prevent others from obtaining your number if your cell phone is lost or stolen.

Following these tips will help you avoid becoming a crime or accident victim. Remember: Safety begins with you!

LAURELS

DENTAL SCHOOL
Ronald Dubner, PhD, DDS, professor and pain research pioneer, was inducted recently into the Wall of Distinction at his alma mater, James Madison High School in New York City. Others inducted include former Baltimore Orioles outfielder Cal Abrams and TV personality and former judge Judy Sheindlin.

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
Benjamin Lawner, DO, clinical assistant professor of emergency medicine, received the George J. Koenig Jr. Service Award from the National Collegiate Emergency Medical Services Foundation during the organization’s annual conference in Baltimore earlier this year. The award recognizes Lawner’s commitment to campus-based emergency medical services and to the education of prehospital-care providers.

Philip Mackowiak, MD, MBA, professor and vice chairman of the Department of Medicine, was surprised during a meeting of the Maryland chapter of the American College of Physicians with the naming of an annual student award in his honor. The inaugural Philip A. Mackowiak Student Award, which recognizes outstanding student leadership, was presented to School of Medicine alumnus Thomas Reznick, MD ’10.

Donna Shaw, MS, MT (ASCP), instructor of medical and research technology, received the 2010 Mid-Atlantic Region Member Award from the American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP). Eight regional awards are presented annually to recognize members throughout the U.S. for their commitment to the profession and for outstanding service in support of local ASCP activities.

Edward Weinman, MD, professor, received the William S. Middleton Award—the Department of Veterans Affairs’ highest award for research—during a ceremony in Washington, D.C. Weinman, a clinician and investigator with the Veterans Affairs Maryland Health Care System for more than 27 years, is a pioneer in research on areas including kidney function and kidney stones.

SCHOOL OF PHARMACY
Dean **Natalie D. Eddington, PhD**, has been named a fellow of the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists. Fellow status is based on a documented sustained level of superior and distinguished professional achievement and contributions to pharmaceutical science.

The following School of Pharmacy faculty members, students, and alumni won awards during the Maryland Pharmacists Association (MPhA)

convention in June: alumnus **David Fulton, BSP ’81**, received the Wyeth-Ayerst Bowl of Hygeia Award for nonpharmacy community leadership; faculty member **Cherokee Layson-Wolf, PharmD**, received the Innovative Practice Award; faculty member **Christine Lee-Wilson, PharmD**, won the Pharmacists Mutual Distinguished Young Pharmacist Award; student **Julie Mathias** won the Maryland Student Scholars Award; Board of Visitors member **Gina McKnight-Smith, PharmD**, won the MPhA Mentor Award; and faculty member and alumnus **Matthew Shimoda, PharmD ’84**, received the Seidman Distinguished Achievement Award.

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK
Dean **Richard P. Barth, PhD, MSW**, was the keynote speaker at the conference New Worlds of Adoption: Linking Research With Practice,

held earlier this year at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. Barth’s address was titled “Toward Evidence-Informed Pre- and Post-Adoption Practice.”



Richard P. Barth

Sara Montag was named MSW Social Work Student of the Year and **Carrie Vick, LCSW-C**, was named Field Instructor of the Year by the Maryland chapter of the National Association of Social Workers during the group’s annual conference earlier this year. Also honored were School of Social Work alumni **Vincent De-Marco, JD, MA**, who was one of two Public Citizen of the Year honorees; **Jeff Singer, MSW, LCSW-C**, who was named Social Worker of the Year; and **Jean Tucker-Mann, ACSW, LCSW-C**, winner of the Lifetime Achievement Award.



Natalie D. Eddington

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faculty at the forefront of discovering new, novel, and improved therapeutics,” Eddington says.

The new building gives the School, already ranked ninth in the nation, even greater opportunities, says the dean.

“Our School produces pharmacists who embrace the profession’s traditions while focusing on its expanded roles—interacting with patients, facilitating chronic disease management, immunizing patients, and collaborating with other health care providers in order to improve a patient’s understanding of his or her medications, ultimately improving outcomes,” Eddington says.

Green Design

Design and construction of Pharmacy Hall Addition emphasized innovative, energy-efficient features and materials such as extensive natural lighting, high-efficiency chillers, water-saving plumbing fixtures and

landscaping, a roof storm-water retention and filtration system, and recycled materials.

The building also includes bicycle racks and a shower/changing room for cyclists. During construction, 90 percent of the material waste was diverted from disposal by a material recycling operation.

“We expect the building to obtain at least the silver designation and perhaps even gold in the U.S. Green Building Council’s Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design [LEED] rating system, thanks to the hard work of the University’s Architecture, Engineering, and Construction staff and to Pam Crowe, director of facilities and laboratory services at the School,” says William Cooper, MBA, associate dean for administration and finance at the School of Pharmacy.

Dean Thanks Supporters

“The School’s new building was a long time in the making and we have so many people to thank for bringing it to fruition,”

says Eddington. “Alumni, preceptors, friends, faculty, staff, and students were all instrumental in convincing the state of our need for additional and improved space.”

The grand opening events are sponsored by Thermo Fisher Scientific, Inc. (premier sponsor), Agilent Technologies (partner sponsor), and Cardinal Health; Cisco Systems, Inc.; Correct Rx Pharmacy Services, Inc.; CVS Caremark, LLC; EPIC Pharmacies, Inc.; IMS Government Solutions; L.H. Cranston and Sons, Inc.; Mahogany, Inc.; MBR Construction Services, Inc.; MedStar Health; Rite Aid Corp.; and The Pharmacy-Care Network (supporting sponsors).

For photos from Pharmacy Hall Addition’s opening day, visit www.umbvoice.com and click on Photo Galleries.

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He focused on jobs and the economy during his stop at the BioPark, where about 400 people are employed by more than a dozen bioscience companies and ancillary businesses. Many of the companies are built around discoveries from scientists and laboratories at the University of Maryland and Johns Hopkins University.

O’Malley was officially welcomed to the BioPark by University President Jay A. Perman, MD, who recalled being at the groundbreaking for the park six years ago when O’Malley was Baltimore’s mayor. Both men remarked on the BioPark’s rapid growth and success at promoting job creation, and they said none of that could have happened without partnerships among governments, educational leaders, and entrepreneurs.

To view videos from the Capital for a Day event, visit www.oea.umaryland.edu/communications/news/?ViewStatus=FullArticle&articleDetail=9975.

Directors of Israeli Dental Clinic Honored

Warren Morganstein, DDS, MPH, and Mark Wagner, DDS, each a professor emeritus at the Dental School, were honored recently as the first directors of the Jerusalem Dental Center for Children during a banquet celebrating the center’s 25th anniversary.

Morganstein and Wagner, who received the Smiles of Zion Service Award during the event—which took place in Boston—operated the Jerusalem Dental Center for Children while on sabbatical leave from the Dental School in 1985 and 1986.

The clinic, one of the first of its kind in the Middle East, provides service at reduced fees to those who could otherwise not afford dental care.

Morganstein, who joined the Dental School faculty in 1971, has held various positions at the School, including chairman of the Department of Oral Health Care Delivery.

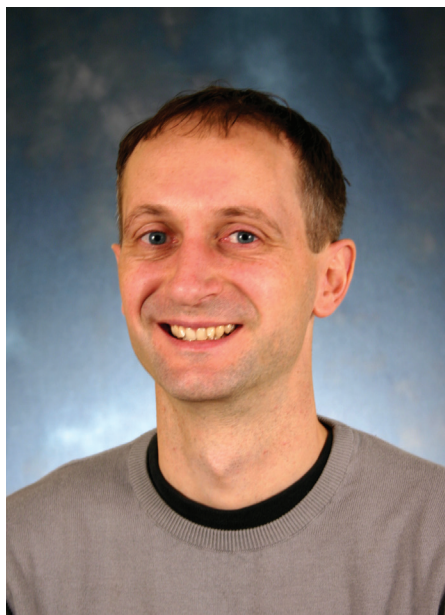
Wagner’s accomplishments at the Dental School, which he joined as a faculty member in 1968, include establishing the first Office of Student Affairs.



PATRICIA FANNING

Richard Dalby, associate dean for academic affairs at the School of Pharmacy, and Magaly Rodriguez de Bittner, chairwoman of the School’s Department of Pharmacy Practice and Science, serve ice cream to pharmacy student Andrew Phan during opening day celebrations at Pharmacy Hall Addition.

Swaan Appointed to State Nanobiotechnology Task Force



Peter Swaan

The School of Pharmacy’s Peter Swaan, PhD, has been chosen to serve on the state’s new Nanobiotechnology Task Force. Swaan is a professor of pharmaceutical sciences and director of the School’s Center for Nanomedicine and Cellular Delivery.

The task force, established in the spring, is charged with studying the benefits of the nanobiotechnology industry—such as job creation and generation of state revenues—and the state’s role in supporting nanobiotechnology, including promoting private-public partnerships and offering financial incentives for nanobiotechnology companies to locate in Maryland.

“I am very pleased to be serving on this governor-appointed task force, the creation of which is a very positive sign that the state of Maryland is committed to building upon its already strong foundation of nanotech-

nology research,” says Swaan.

“Maryland has consistently been ranked among the top 10 states in micro- and nanotechnology work, and over the past five years, the University System of Maryland has graduated an increasing number of researchers with expertise in these areas,” Swaan says. “We now have a significant pool of highly trained nanotechnology professionals. As a member of the task force, I look forward to working with my committee colleagues in guiding the state in making decisions that will help retain our skilled work force and their intellectual capital, thereby further increasing the nanotechnology industry in Maryland.”

“Dr. Swaan brings a wealth of experience to the state’s new Nanobiotechnology Task Force,” says Natalie D. Eddington, PhD, dean of the School of Pharmacy. “As

director of the School’s Center for Nanomedicine and Cellular Delivery, he has been on the forefront of research endeavors into the interface of structural biology, smart drug delivery approaches, and state-of-the-art nanoconstructs, all with a focus of optimizing the therapeutic efficacy of small molecules and biologicals.”

Other members of the task force include state legislators, leaders of nanobiotechnology companies, and appointees from other universities and colleges in Maryland that are involved in nanobiotechnology research. The task force is expected to report its recommendations to the governor before the start of the next General Assembly session in January.

Nursing School Alumna Leads Baccalaureate Program

PATRICIA ADAMS

School of Nursing assistant professor and alumna Janice Hoffman, PhD ’06, was recently named assistant dean of the School’s baccalaureate program. In this role, Hoffman provides leadership and oversight to the undergraduate program, which enrolls about 700 students.

Hoffman has more than 30 years of experience in leadership and management as well as teaching and direct patient care. A member of the School of Nursing faculty since 2008, she has served as vice chairwoman of the Department of Organizational Systems and Adult Health. Prior to working as a nurse educator, Hoffman held a variety of clinical, educational, leadership, and administrative positions in hospitals in Maryland, Virginia, and California, while serving as an active duty nurse in the U.S. Navy.

“I am honored to have been chosen for this vital position at one of the leading nursing schools in the nation,” says Hoffman. “In collaboration with my talented faculty colleagues, we will help maintain the University of Maryland School of Nursing’s stellar reputation and continue to



Janice Hoffman

graduate the largest number of direct care nurses in the state annually.”

For more information on the School of Nursing baccalaureate program, visit <http://nursing.umaryland.edu/academic-programs/undergrad/bsn>.



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GREEN CORNER

Time Sheets and Pay Advices Go Electronic

CLARE BANKS


The University is participating in two major paper-reducing and time-saving initiatives—employee time sheets and pay advices (better known as pay stubs) have both moved to electronic formats.

The Electronic Time Sheet Project was led and implemented by Administration and Finance and the Center for Information Technology Services. Employees now complete time sheets online and supervisors approve them via the Web as well, saving time and paper—the University is relieved from printing approximately 50,000 time sheets per year. The idea for using electronic time sheets originated in the Information Technology Steering Committee, was formally adopted into the Information Technologies Strategic and Tactical Plan in 2008, and was put into practice early this year.

“Overall, the implementation of the electronic time sheet project went smoothly and according to plan,” says Kevin Curley, MBA, executive director of financial systems, Division of Budget and Finance. “I think people enjoy interacting with the new technology, especially when the recording of time and leave are more accessible and reliable.”

Electronic Pay Stubs is a statewide project aimed at reducing the cost of printing pay advices throughout the entire state payroll system.

Like the University’s electronic time sheet initiative, the new method of distributing pay advices is a large cost-saving and sustainability measure. The number of direct deposit advices not printed this year could reach more than 200,000.



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Environmental Health Conference Held at School of Nursing

PATRICIA FANNING

For the first time, nurses from across the nation came together at a conference to address the relationship between health and the environment. Our Environment, Our Health: A Nurse’s Call to Action, held in June at the School of Nursing, was co-sponsored by the School and the Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments (ANHE), a new organization that brings together nurses and nursing organizations to achieve environmental health goals.

“Nurses are best placed to take the lead in reducing environmental health risks because they have sustained contact with patients who exhibit the ongoing effects of environmental toxins and need preventive counseling and treatment,” says Janet D. Allan, PhD, RN, FAAN, dean of the School of Nursing. Leaders in the fields of environmental health and justice were among the speakers, including Barbara Sattler, DrPH, RN, FAAN, professor and director of the School of Nursing’s Environmental Health Education Center. Sattler describes the conference as “a call to action for nurses from around the country.”

“We are reviewing the science and preparing to engage in efforts that will help eliminate the growing burden of environmentally related diseases,” she says.

Sandra Steingraber, PhD, author of the book *Living Downstream: A Scientist’s Personal Investigation of Cancer and the Environment*, delivered a lecture during a luncheon at the Southern Management Corporation Campus Center. Her remarks and excerpts from a film based on her book drew a standing ovation. A cancer survivor as a young person, Steingraber became an



Barbara Sattler

ecologist as she began to explore what she calls provocative links between cancer and chemical pollutants.

“Two-year-olds don’t drink, smoke or lead stressful lives,” she said, noting some of the factors usually associated with cancer in adults—yet the rate of pediatric cancers has risen in the United States since 1975. Steingraber also said residues of household pesticides have been detected in the fluid of human eggs, and cancer-causing agents can be found in products such as nail polish sold in the U.S. but not in the European Union, where the agents are prohibited.

Some ANHE members spent a day during the conference in Washington, D.C., urging lawmakers to revise federal oversight of toxic substances.

Online Drug Safety Courses Planned

The School of Pharmacy will offer a new elective on pharmacovigilance in spring 2011 that includes online drug safety courses. The eLadder Safety eLearning online course series from BioSoteria, Inc., a drug safety services and education firm, will form the core content of the regulatory sciences/pharmacovigilance elective offered to PharmD and PhD students, postdoctoral fellows, and residents.

“The adoption of eLadder Safety matches our center’s strategic goal of providing education on drug safety and pharmacovigilance through collaborations with public and private stakeholders,” says Sheila Weiss Smith, PhD, professor of pharmaceutical health services research and director of the Center for Drug Safety at the School of Pharmacy.

“The new online regulatory science course will provide our students with an understanding of the practices pharmaceutical companies and regulatory agencies implement to monitor patient safety, and that understanding will help

them be better pharmacists and researchers.”

Topics covered in the online program will include drug and device development and regulation, clinical safety surveillance, and postmarketing pharmacovigilance. Students will gain hands-on experience conducting a drug safety evaluation using QSCAN-FDA, a state-of-the art pharmacovigilance platform provided through a gift to the Center for Drug Safety from Druglogic, Inc.

“Distance learning and Web-based technologies have been an integral part of our curriculum since the 2007 expansion of our PharmD program to the Universities at Shady Grove,” says Natalie D. Eddington, PhD, dean of the School of Pharmacy. “We expect our partnership with BioSoteria to yield additional benefits as we continue to utilize Web-based technologies in innovative ways to teach and aid in the discovery, development, and use of medicines.”

Campus Center Welcomes Wellness Hub

The beginning of this academic year marks the one-year anniversary of the Southern Management Corporation Campus Center (SMC) and the inauguration of the University of Maryland’s Wellness and Academic-Life Balance Program, located in the Wellness Hub on the third floor of the SMC Campus Center.

The Wellness Hub helps students flourish academically, professionally, and personally while promoting a state of academic-life balance within the dimensions of physical, emotional, social, cultural, ethical, intellectual, environmental, and financial wellness. The Wellness Hub offers services such as coaching, wellness assessment, a relaxation room, and a lactation center. Interdisciplinary programs focus on contemporary and pertinent issues presented by experts.

To learn more about the Wellness Hub or to register for the following events, visit www.umaryland.edu/smccampuscenter. Follow the Wellness Hub on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/WellnessHub> and Facebook at UMB Wellness Hub.

upcoming WELLNESS EVENTS

- Managing Living Expenses on Financial Aid—Sept. 9, noon, SMC Campus Center, Room 351
- Riverboarding and Geocaching in Deep Creek, Md.—Sept. 10-12, Adventure Sports Center, Deep Creek
- Tips on How to Stretch Your Food Dollars—Sept. 13, noon, SMC Campus Center, Room 351
- Mindfulness Stress Management, With Deborah Rejent, DSW, MSSW, MA, School of Social Work—Sept. 20 and 27, 5:30 p.m., SMC Campus Center, Room 349



- Mindful Eating, With Terri Brownlee, MPH, RD, LDN, Bon Appétit Management Company—Sept. 23, noon and 5 p.m., SMC Campus Center, Ballroom B
- Paddle the D.C. Monuments—Sept. 25, Washington, D.C. (transportation provided)
- Transforming the Way We Eat, With Tony Geraci of Baltimore City Public Schools—Sept. 28, noon, SMC Campus Center, Ballroom A

- Better Together: Getting by With a Little Help From Our Friends, With Geoffrey Greif, DSW, MSW, School of Social Work—Sept. 30, noon, SMC Campus Center, Ballroom B
- UM Food Film Festival: Food, Inc., With Louise Mitchell, sustainable foods coordinator, School of Nursing—Sept. 30, 6 p.m., SMC Campus Center, Room 349



EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

JUNE: Yelena Kovalets

TIM FLACH

Faculty and staff in the School of Pharmacy’s Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences appreciate the integrity of Yelena Kovalets’ work, as well as her readiness to develop new skills and her helpful nature.

In June, E. Albert Reece, MD, PhD, MBA, then acting president of the University, surprised Kovalets—an accountant I—with an Employee of the Month Award. Reece is also the University of Maryland vice president for medical affairs, the John Z. and Akiko K. Bowers Distinguished Professor, and dean of the School of Medicine.

“I could not be more proud of Yelena,” says Andrew Coop, PhD, professor and chairman of the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences. “She is valued by every single member of the department due to her outstanding work ethic, professional abilities, and superior interpersonal skills. She is fully deserving of this award.”

Kovalets has been a member of the department staff since October 2006, when she was hired as an accounting clerk II. Her work includes purchasing for the department, processing of travel requests and reimbursements, reconciliation of financial accounts, and equipment inventory.

“Yelena is willing to take the initiative,



E. Albert Reece and Yelena Kovalets

research a problem, and find solutions,” wrote her former supervisor, Olcan Hol-lister, MS, in nominating Kovalets for the award. “Due to her positive outlook and strong work ethic, Yelena is well-loved in the department and in the School.”

Kovalets, who is obtaining a degree in business management with an accounting minor from the University of Baltimore, says the affection from her co-workers is mutual, and she thanks them for creating a friendly and supportive work environment.

“It’s my pleasure to work with the department faculty, postdoc fellows, and students,” she says.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

JULY: Panagiota Komninou

TIM FLACH

When research participants enter the clinical trials unit at the School of Medicine’s Center for Vaccine Development (CVD), Panagiota Komninou, IT data entry operator, greets them with a smiling face. But on July 26 she was fighting back tears as Jay A. Perman, MD, president of the University, presented her with the University’s Employee of the Month Award for July. Also on hand were Myron Levine, MD, DTPH, director of the CVD; and Komninou’s co-workers.

“Ms. Komninou rises to the level of being exemplary by taking pride and interest in everything she does,” wrote her supervisor, Maria Johnson, DMD, CCRP, in nominating Komninou for the award. “Being the go-to person for 15 employees is very demanding, but she is able to manage her time in-between running errands and entering data for clinical trials.”

Starting as a part-time office assistant at the School of Medicine’s Department of Microbiology and Immunology in October 2008, Komninou became a full-time data entry operator in July 2009. Now she also welcomes volunteers at the CVD and helps research nurses in various ways.

And she does it all with a smile.



Panagiota Komninou and Jay A. Perman

“Ms. Komninou makes the CVD a better place for study volunteers and staff,” Johnson says. “She is the heart of the CVD’s clinical trials unit.”

Komninou says she is honored to be named an employee of the month.

“The appreciation inspires me to work from the heart and mind,” she says. “Through my hands, I can turn the rocks, which make the road bumpy, into clay and mold them into something that I can use to help the people around me.”

Ronald Hube contributed to this article.

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**Log on to CITS**

New Campus Computing Facility Being Developed

The Center for Information Technology Services (CITS) is making progress in developing a new core computing center for the University, just off campus at 300 W. Lexington St.

Two advisory committees—one made up of faculty members, the other of information technology staff—are helping to identify the University’s computing needs that will be met at the center and the technology required to meet those needs. So far it has been determined that use of the space will include housing of new equipment to store faculty research data, and backup of critical campus systems

for use during emergencies. Schools and departments also will use the space for their own specific computer functions.

During the summer, six CITS infrastructure support staff were moved to office space next to the computing center. Network connections—both wired and wireless—are now installed in the center, equipment to support a redundant fiber-optic connection to the campus network has been ordered, and work is under way to outfit the center with an uninterruptible power supply.

The new facility is expected to be fully operational in early 2011.

Calling all Crafters



We are on the hunt for the **creative**, the **clever**, and the **crafty**! Showcase your unique creations (and make some extra holiday dough) at the Handmade and Homemade Holiday Craft Fair on Dec. 10! Table reservations are due by Oct. 29.

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 Mark your calendars for the inauguration of University President Jay A. Perman, MD, and Founders Week 2010 events—Nov. 9 through Nov. 12. See page 1 for more information.



Discount Hippodrome Tickets!
 The Office of University Events has again partnered with the Hippodrome Theatre to offer discounted group tickets to the University community. Tickets can be purchased online using a revamped system that allows users to view exact seat locations before placing orders. No lines or phone calls—print tickets at your desk!

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- *Cirque Dreams Illumination*: Oct. 5-17
 - *Blue Man Group*: Nov. 2-7
 - *Rock of Ages*: Nov. 30-Dec. 5
 - *Nutcracker*: Dec. 11-12
 - *Jersey Boys*: Feb. 2-27
 - *Les Misérables*: March 1-6
 - *Shrek—The Musical*: March 22-April 3
 - *West Side Story*: April 12-24



Calling All Crafters
 Get ready for the campuswide holiday craft fair on Dec. 10 at the Southern Management Corporation Campus Center. Creative people with handmade and homemade crafts are being sought as vendors. Send an e-mail to events@umaryland.edu to receive an application form. Hurry—space is limited.



Annual Domestic Violence Program to be Launched in October

PATRICIA FANNING

A unique program exploring the roots and repercussions of domestic violence will be presented Oct. 6 by the School of Social Work. The inaugural Patricia and Arthur Modell Symposium on Domestic Violence, titled “Giving Voice to Domestic Violence and Its Hidden Victims,” features a keynote speech by best-selling author Anna Quindlen. The moderator will be Carole Alexander, MA, a clinical instructor at the School of Social Work. Previously she was executive director of the House of Ruth, a Baltimore nonprofit organization that assists women who have left abusive relationships. The event, to be held at the Southern Management Corporation Campus Center, begins at 9:30 a.m. with coffee and networking. Welcome remarks will be given by Richard P. Barth, PhD, MSW, dean of the School of Social Work. Scheduled panelists are School of Social Work alumna Tania Araya, MSW, ’95, LCSW, founder and former manager of the House of Ruth Teen Dating Violence Prevention Program; Jacquelyn Campbell, PhD, MSN, professor and Anna D. Wolf Chair, Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing; Joyce Harrison, MD, assistant professor, Johns



Anna Quindlen

Hopkins University School of Medicine; and Leslie Morgan Steiner, MBA, domestic violence survivor and author of the best-selling book *Crazy Love*. The \$50 cost to attend the symposium includes lunch, parking, and three continuing education credits with advance registration. To register or for more information, visit www.ssw.umaryland.edu/modell.

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The Wellness Hub logo, featuring a central circle with the word 'hub' and lines radiating outwards to various colored dots. Below it, the text 'the wellness hub' and 'ENRICHING ACADEMIC-LIFE BALANCE'.

Register for UMBAlerts

Emergency Notification System

E2Campus is now the vendor for UMB Alerts—the system used by the Emergency Management Team at the University to notify the campus community about emergencies and weather-related closings. UMB Alerts messages are sent via campus phones and campus e-mail accounts. Users also can register personal devices such as cell phones, BlackBerrys or pagers that are capable of receiving text messages. To sign up for UMB Alerts, visit www.umaryland.edu/alerts.



CAMPUS BRIEFS

SMC Campus Center Hosts Welcome Week

To launch the 2010-2011 academic year, the Southern Management Corporation Campus Center (SMC)—now 1 year old—hosted a full week of activities starting Aug. 30.

Welcome Week events included an outdoor movie, an academic symposium, a scavenger hunt, daily lunchtime concerts, a boat-building contest and race in the pool, a spelling bee, games, wellness and writing workshops, and a poetry, open mike, and karaoke night. Jay A. Perman, MD, University president, greeted new students and helped kick off Welcome Week (see page 1).

A similar week of events was held a year ago at the SMC Campus Center to mark the center's opening and to thank David Hillman—SMC chairman and chief executive officer—and his wife, Suzanne, for their \$5 million gift to the facility.

"The SMC Campus Center is the perfect location to kick off the school year," says Roger Ward, EdD, JD, MPA, associate vice president for academic and student affairs. "We are so pleased to be able to bring the student body together during Welcome Week, building a new annual campus tradition."

Yearly Charity Campaign Set to Begin

This year's Maryland Charity Campaign (MCC) kicks off at the University in October. The annual fall program collects funds for hundreds of charitable organizations through payroll deductions or one-time gifts from state employees.

Contributions can be designated to specific charities, placed in a general pool, or directed to University schools or programs.

The campus' theme this year is Action Speaks Louder Than Words, Now More Than Ever. The University's goal is to raise \$432,557.98—one dollar more than last year's total.

A breakfast to thank participants will take place in Westminster Hall on Dec. 7 from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Faculty and staff will receive an information packet about MCC with instructions on how to contribute. Students can participate by contacting an MCC coordinator through the dean's office at their school, or by contacting campaign chairman Dave DeLooze at 6-7569 or ddeuloze@af.umaryland.edu.

Department Name Change Reflects Public Health Focus

The name of the School of Medicine's Department of Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine has been changed to the Department of Epidemiology and Public Health to reflect the department's growing emphasis on public health problems and practice, according to E. Albert Reece, MD, PhD, MBA, University of Maryland vice president for medical affairs, John Z. and Akiko K. Bowers Distinguished Professor, and dean, School of Medicine.

The names of three divisions in the department also have been changed due to their new directions in preventive medicine, genomic epidemiology and clinical outcomes, and translational toxicology. Currently all of the department's programmatic areas are in public health disciplines as applied to clinical and population health research, education, and service.

The department's strength in public health has expanded during the past five years, Reece says, including the creation of a Master of Public Health program.

JACQUES Initiative Helps Encourage HIV Testing

Hundreds of volunteers and medical staff visited Baltimore communities during the summer to encourage residents to obtain a free HIV test at one of 14 locations in the city. The group was led by the JACQUES Initiative, a program of the Institute of Human Virology (IHV) at the School of Medicine, in partnership with the Maryland Infectious Disease and Environmental Health Administration, the Baltimore City Health Department, and numerous local faith-based and community organizations.

"I believe if you want to change a city you must engage the city," says Derek Spencer, MS, CRNP, executive director of the JACQUES Initiative. "We can't sit and wait in our academic centers for people to present with AIDS, so we've engaged community volunteers from a wide spectrum of organizations to increase our capacity in our efforts to reach Baltimoreans."

"In Maryland, there are between 6,000 and 9,000 people who have HIV and do not know it," says Heather Hauck, MSW, director of the Maryland Infectious Disease and Environmental Health Administration. "We ask everyone to test for HIV at least once annually and to get into care if they are positive so that they can live longer and healthier."

Launched in 2003, the JACQUES Initiative provides HIV testing plus care and support for HIV/AIDS patients and their family members, friends, and neighbors.

New Intramural Sports Pass Available

Participation in a University intramural league sport is now available without buying a more costly University Recreation and Fitness (URecFit) membership.

A \$25 IM Sports Pass, available to any-

one who is eligible to be a URecFit member at the Southern Management Corporation Campus Center (SMC), allows participation in one intramural sport including playoffs. Those eligible to be members of URecFit's BioPark center can buy an IM Sports Pass for summer softball only. An IM Sports Pass permits use of URecFit facilities during league competition but not at other times.

Play in a one-day intramural event is allowed with the purchase of a single-day URecFit membership.

A wide variety of intramural sports programs are offered including flag football, basketball, soccer, table tennis, and sports trivia. IM Sports Passes, available at the fourth floor membership desk at the SMC Campus Center, must be bought by 2 p.m. on the first day of competition or by 2 p.m. on the Friday before a weekend event. For more information, call 6-7529 or visit www.umaryland.edu/urecfitsports/index.html.

Campus Responds to Call for Energy-Use Reduction

In response to the failure of a Baltimore Gas and Electric Co. transformer during one of the summer's heat spells, University faculty and staff helped reduce energy consumption from 27.5 megawatts on the afternoon of July 7 to 18 megawatts within an hour and a half. The reduction in electricity use helped avoid brownouts or blackouts in the area, according to Robert Rowan, MS, the University's associate vice president for facilities and operations.

The energy saving was accomplished by turning down air conditioning a few degrees. Also staff and faculty turned off noncritical lighting and electrical devices, used stairs instead of elevators, and scheduled discretionary equipment use for nonpeak hours.

The University participates in a "demand response" program with utility providers that saves the campus approximately \$600,000 per year, Rowan says.

Yogurt Lids Collected to Fight Cancer

Pink lids from containers of Yoplait yogurt are being collected on campus this fall to raise funds for the breast cancer support organization Susan G. Komen for the Cure.

Through its annual Save Lids to Save Lives campaign, Yoplait is donating 10 cents for each lid it receives—up to \$1.5 million—by the end of the year. For collection locations at the University, contact Jessica Grabowski at jgrabowski@af.umaryland.edu or 6-3821.

USGA Elects New Leaders

The Executive Board of the University Student Government Association (USGA) is made up almost entirely of new members for the 2010-2011 academic year.

School of Law student Doug Rubin, previously the parliamentarian, is now president. Dennis Eaton from the School of Pharmacy has assumed the job of treasurer, and Tina Dang, also from the School of Pharmacy, has joined the board as the chief of public relations. Law school student Josh Cover is this year's parliamentarian.

Returning as vice president from last year's Executive Board is Andrew York, a student in the schools of law and pharmacy.

The USGA, which meets monthly, holds events including the annual Fall Fest (see events calendar on page 12), advocates for student rights, and addresses issues such as parking and safety. Members of the USGA Senate are elected to represent each school at the University as well as academic programs and student groups. For more information on the USGA, visit www.umaryland.edu/usga.

Annual Emergency Exercise Planned

The University will hold its annual emergency exercise Oct. 19 at the Southern Management Corporation Campus Center. The exercise will test the University's ability to respond to a large-scale disaster using the National Incident Management System (NIMS), which allows the University to manage its response to an emergency in a manner that is compatible with outside emergency response agencies.

Representatives from throughout the University, including the Emergency Management Team, will participate in the exercise. The event will not affect other campus activities. For more information, contact Robert Rowan, MS, the University's associate vice president for facilities and operations and its emergency management director, at 6-8200 or rrowan@af.umaryland.edu.

Campus Leaders Plan Perman Inauguration

A 12-member advisory committee made up of leaders throughout the University is planning the inauguration this fall of President Jay A. Perman, MD. Inauguration events will be held Nov. 9 (see page 1) to celebrate Perman's presidency, which began July 1.

Members of the committee, led by Janet Owens, MA, who chairs the Board of Trustees of the University of Maryland Baltimore Foundation, Inc. (UMBF), are Janet D. Allan, PhD, RN, FAAN, dean, School of Nursing; Richard P. Barth, PhD, MSW, dean, School of Social Work; Marcelo Cardarelli, MD, president, Faculty Senate Executive Committee; Natalie D. Eddington, PhD, dean, School of Pharmacy; Kenneth Fahnestock, MA, chairman, Staff Senate Executive Committee; T. Sue Gladhill, MSW, vice president for external affairs, and president and chief executive officer, UMBF; Phoebe A. Haddon, JD, LL.M., dean, School of Law; Malinda B. Orlin, PhD, dean, Graduate School; E. Albert Reece, MD, PhD, MBA, University of Maryland vice president for medical affairs, John Z. and Akiko K. Bowers Distinguished Professor, and dean, School of Medicine (Reece was also acting president of the University before Perman's arrival); Doug Rubin, president, Executive Board, University Student Government Association; and Christian S. Stohler, DMD, DrMedDent, dean, Dental School.

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Mini-Med School 2010. Free health care classes open to all, to promote well-being and raise awareness of the importance of research and the need for enrollment in clinical trials. Topics include pediatric asthma; foot health; losing a limb and living with prostheses; geriatrics; and breast cancer. Wednesdays 6 to 8 p.m., Medical School Teaching Facility (MSTF) auditorium. To register or for more information, visit www.medschool.umaryland.edu/minimed.

Sept. 16
School of Medicine Department of Psychiatry's 60th Anniversary Scientific Program and Gala Dinner Dance. An all-day event. Marriott Inner Harbor at Camden Yards hotel. For more information, contact Vertell Porter-Brown at vporter@psych.umaryland.edu.

Sept. 17
Fall Fest, an annual outdoor festival for University students. Includes entertainment, giveaways, and free lunch (lunch for staff is \$10). 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Southern Management Corporation Campus Center. For more information, call 6-7117 or visit <http://umaryland.edu>.

Sept. 23
“Educating Nurses: A Call for Radical Transformation,” the Millicent Geare Edmunds Lecture, delivered by Patricia Benner, PhD, RN, FAAN, professor emeritus, University of California, San Francisco. 4 to 5:30 p.m. (reception follows lecture), School of Nursing, free but registration is required by Sept. 17. To register, visit www.peopleware.net/0216. For more information, send an e-mail to pe@son.umaryland.edu or call 6-3767.

Sept. 24
National Postdoc Appreciation Day Coffee and Cookie Break, for postdoctoral scholars and their mentors. Sponsored

by the University's Office of Postdoctoral Scholars. 1 to 3 p.m., room S-241, Health Sciences Facility II. For more information, visit <http://postdoc.umaryland.edu>.

Sept. 29
2010 State of the School of Medicine Address, delivered by E. Albert Reece, MD, PhD, MBA, dean of the School of Medicine; vice president for medical affairs, University of Maryland; and John Z. and Akiko K. Powers Distinguished Professor. 3 to 4:30 p.m., MSTF auditorium.

Oct. 5
Pharmacy Hall Addition Grand Opening. See article on page 1.



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Francis S. Balassone Memorial Lecture, presented by Joshua Sharfstein, MD, principal deputy commissioner, Food and Drug Administration. 1 to 2 p.m., room N103, School of Pharmacy. Reservations are required. To register or for more information, contact Becky Ceraul at marketing@rx.umaryland.edu.

Oct. 6
“Giving Voice to Domestic Violence and Its Hidden Victims,” the inaugural Patricia and Arthur Modell Symposium on Domestic Violence, featuring Anna Quindlen. See article on page 10.

Oct. 9
MouthPower Day, free festival about dental care and healthy eating, includes activities and hands-on exhibits for all ages. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Dr. Samuel D. Harris National Museum of Dentistry. For more information, visit www.dentalmuseum.org.

Oct. 19
“Individualized Molecular Testing for Personalized Medicine,” the Sixth Annual Symposium on Translational Research in Molecular Pathology, delivered by Leroy Hood, MD, PhD, president of the Institute for Systems Biology. Organized by the Division of Molecular Pathology in the School of Medicine's Department of Pathology. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Davidge Hall, free but registration is encouraged by visiting <http://medschool.umaryland.edu/molecularpath/symposium.asp>. For more information, contact Melinda Tillman at 6-6300 or mtillman@som.umaryland.edu.

Oct. 22-23
Equal Justice Works Career Fair and Conference. Bethesda North Marriott Hotel and Conference Center. For more information, visit www.equaljusticeworks.org or contact Nada El-Eryan at neleryan@equaljusticeworks.org.



Anna Quindlen

Oct. 26
National Pro Bono Celebration and Alumni-Student Mentor Reception, honoring volunteers from the Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service, student fellows from the Maryland Public Interest Law Project, and supporters of pro bono programs. 6 to 8 p.m., Westminster Hall. For more information, contact Teresa

Schmiedeler, JD, at tschmiedeler@law.umaryland.edu or 6-2080.

Nov. 9-12
Inauguration of University President Jay A. Perman, MD, and Founders Week events. See page 1.

Nov. 12
Open house for University students and staff at the Dr. Samuel D. Harris National Museum of Dentistry. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., free. For more information on the museum, visit www.dentalmuseum.org.

Nov. 18
Environmental Excellence in Health Care: A Showcase of Best Practices. This learning and networking event showcases hospitals' environmental best practices. Presented by the School of Nursing and Maryland Hospitals for a Healthy Environment. 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., School of Nursing, \$55. For more information, visit <http://nursing.umaryland.edu/events/environmental/november/index.htm>.

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Jay A. Perman, MD, who recently became president of the University, spoke to hundreds of members of the campus community—and personally greeted nearly everyone—during a welcome reception at the Southern Management Corporation Campus Center on Aug. 5. “It is so lovely to be back among so many dear colleagues and friends,” said Perman, who chaired the School of Medicine's pediatrics department from 1999 to 2004. “We will do great things together.” Pictured with Perman as he speaks from the podium are, from the left, E. Albert Reece, MD, PhD, MBA, who served as acting president of the University before Perman's arrival, and William E. Kirwan, PhD, MS, chancellor of the University System of Maryland. Reece is also the University of Maryland vice president for medical affairs, the John Z. and Akiko K. Bowers Distinguished Professor, and dean of the School of Medicine.

School of Law student Avery Blank snapped a photo of the presidential helicopter as it took off during her internship at the White House in the summer. Blank's work in the White House Office of Administration included research on issues such as congressional contempt and review of financial disclosure forms from senior-level officials. Blank met the president and first lady several times.

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